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1. AS RESULT OF APPROACH TO CONGEN REGARDING SLOW DISCHARGE RATES FOR PL 480 CARGOES IN ALEXANDRIA (REFTEL), WE CALLED CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT (MARTRANS) TO ADVISE HIM OF SHORT FALL IN DISCHARGE RATE AND TO ASK HIM TO CONTACT THE ALEXANDRIA AUTHORITIES TO POINT OUT IT IS MARTRANS'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE TERMS OF THE CHARTER PARTY. WE NOTED THAT SHIPS INVOLVED WERE NOT AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED ALEXANDRIA AUTHORITIES SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED HIM AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HARBOR AUTHORITIES TO LEARN DETAILS. DCM HAS ALSO MADE SAME POINTS TO MINSUPPLY UNDRSEC MAKAWI, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED GOE RESPONSIBILITY AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO BACK UP PORT ON THIS MATTER, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN GAININGPRIORITY BERTHING FOR AL PL480 CARGOES. BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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POINT TO AMBASSADOR GHORBAL THAT GOE SHIPPING AGENT

IN WASHINGTON (PERALTA) SHOULD BE SURE THAT SHIPS
ENGAGED IN PL480 TRAFFIC ARE CARRYING ADEQUATE NUMBER OF
VACUVATORS, AND IF NECESSARY, MAKE THIS A PART OF THE CHARTER
PARTY AGREEMENT. PERHAPS DEPT COULD ALSO ASK AGRICULTURE
TO ADVISE CARRIERS OF CONGESTED SITUATION IN ALEXANDRIA
PORT AND ADVISE THEM THAT CARRYING EXTRA VACUVATORS
WILL SIGNIFICANTLY SPEED THE UNLOADING PROCESS.
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